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THE VILLAGE OF GOSHEN POLICE DEPARTMENT IS URGING PARENTS TO TEACH THEIR CHILDREN SOME SIMPLE SAFETY TIPS BEFORE THEY HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL.

"VERY SOON, HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN WILL BE WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND SCHOOL BUSES - MANY FOR THE FIRST TIME," SAID POLICE CHIEF JAMES WATT.

"EVERYONE WHO DRIVES HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL THIS TIME OF YEAR."

CHILDREN TEND TO BE AT GREATER RISK DURING THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL PERIOD BECAUSE THEY TEND TO BE THINKING MORE ABOUT SEEING OLD FRIENDS THAN WATCHING FOR CARS AND TRUCKS. OTHERS ARE GOING TO SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME.

TO HELP PROTECT CHILDREN, CHIEF WATT OFFERED THESE SIX TIPS:

- LOOK ALL WAYS BEFORE CROSSING THE STREET
- CROSS THE ROAD ONLY WHERE THERE ARE CROSSWALKS
- OBEY SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS
- WALK, NEVER RUN, WHEN CROSSING THE STREET
- NEVER CHASE ANYTHING INTO THE STREET
- OBEY ALL PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SIGNALS

THE CHIEF WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADVISE MOTORISTS THAT SCHOOL SPEED ZONES ARE IN EFFECT FROM 7AM TO 6PM EVERY SCHOOL DAY. MOTORISTS SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE OF, AND OBEY THE DIRECTIONS OF, THE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD ON SCOTCHTOWN AVE., AT MCNALLY ST FROM 8AM TO 8:45AM AND 3PM TO 3:45PM, AND NORTH CHURCH ST AT LINCOLN AVE FROM 2:20 TO 3PM, DAILY. PATROLS WILL BE MONITORING BUS STOPS AND SCHOOL SPEED ZONES TO ENSURE SAFETY.

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CHIEF JAMES C. WATT